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Hongkong, April 15, 1895. 716

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BLUE BUILDINGS.  
No. 74, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
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MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, May 14, 1895. 215

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From 1st May.  
"GREENMOUNT," CAINE ROAD. 8  
Rooms.  
For Particulars, apply to  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, April 11, 1895. 704

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THOMAS' GRILL ROOM,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

I AM happy to inform my Patrons that in connection with the Grill Room, I have secured the 1st Floor recently occupied by the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (above the present Grill Room) and have fitted it up for  
**LADIES' DINING ROOMS**  
with all conveniences attached. I am also now prepared to serve  
**DINNERS, TIFINS & SUPPERS**  
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DAILY NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.  
W. THOMAS, Proprietor.  
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Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

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CHINA MAIL OFFICE,  
Hongkong, May 17, 1895. 905

**WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.**  
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**Mails.**  
Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

PAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, May 28, at noon.  
Yokohama (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, June 18, at noon.  
Belgia (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Saturday, July 20, at noon.

THE Steamship COPTIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, ON TUESDAY, the 28th May, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers' Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Quicker service to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1895. 888

**U. S. Mail Line.**  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Saturday, June 8, at noon.  
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Friday, June 28, at noon.  
China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, July 9, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, ON SATURDAY, the 8th June, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

**Mails.**  
NORDEUTSCHER-LOYD.

NOTICE.  
STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUZ, PORT SAID,  
NAPLES, GENOA,  
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PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.  
Karlsruhe ... Monday, May 27.  
Prinz Heinrich ... Monday, June 24.  
Bayern ... Monday, July 22.  
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ON MONDAY, the 27th day of May, 1895, at 2 p.m. the Company's S.S. KARLSRUHE, Capt. W. von SCHUCKMANN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, AND CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, and will be received on board until Noon, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for parcels over 50 lbs. weight, and parcels not exceeding Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer Karlsruhe has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 4, 1895. 851

**Notices to Consignees.**  
SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
S.S. CLANMORANGSHIRE,  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have been landed, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Instant, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1895. 961

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STEAM FOR  
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**Vessels Advertised as Loading.**

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremer & Ports of Cal.	Karlsruhe (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	May 27, at 3 p.m.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 25, daylight.
Kobe	Sikh (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About May 28.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Decima (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 25, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Bennamor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 25.
Villa, Lopez & Co.	Barcelona (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
Liverpool, v. Manila.	Robilla (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 25.
London & Ports of Cal.	Formosa (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 6, at noon.
London	Shanghai (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About June 2.
London	Natal (s)	Messageries Maritimes	May 29, at noon.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Macduff (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Santa Clara	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
New York	Adolph (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	May 28, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Queen Margaret	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	June 8, at noon.
S. Francisco	Gienessia (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Yehin (s)	Shewan & Co.	May 25, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai v. Swatow.	Taiyang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About June 2.
S'pore, Cebu & B'way	Orion (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 27, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, S'rang & S'way	Gleason (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 23, daylight.
Tientsin	Nauchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 23, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of China (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 23.
Victoria (B.C.)	Sirhindavis (s)	Canadian P&O S. Co.	June 12, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Aslan (s)	Nor. P&O S. & R. Co.	June 4, at noon.
Yokohama	Tataros (s)	Shewan & Co.	June 15.
		Shewan & Co.	May 25, at 4 p.m.

**To-day's Advertisements.**

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.  
No. 63.

NOTICE is hereby given that TUESDAY NEXT, the 28th Instant, (GRAND DAY, 7th Moon), being the CHINESE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL, will be observed as a HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs Office, Opium Examination Office, and Stations.

All Examination of Cargo and Clearance of Junks will be suspended on that date.

H. ELGAR HOESON,  
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOMS HOUSE,  
Kowloon, 24th May, 1895. 980

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for OHANG, NEW, CHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Taisang," Capt. ANDERSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 24, 1895. 979

**SHIPPING.**

ARRIVALS.  
May 24.—  
Kwang Lee, British str., from Canton.  
Herman Wadell Jarboe, Norwegian str.  
1,908, Reimsa (J.) Kato, Indian str.  
May 18, Ocal.—Nippon Yusen KAISHA.

DEPARTURES.  
May 24.—  
Progress, for Tauron.

CLEARED.  
None.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
None.

DEPARTED.  
Per Progress, for Tauron, 20 Chinese.  
Per "Zafiro," for Manila, Mr. R. R. Reid, Mrs. A. Barrette, 3 children and servant.  
Per "Rev. M. Hernandez, Rev. A. Moradello and servant, Messrs W. Thompson, Gabriel de la Cruz, R. H. Wright, J. Thompson, and Rev. G. H. Davis.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
MAILS will close:—  
For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—  
Per Decima, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per Progress, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—  
Per Tataros, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th inst.

For SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA.—  
Per Gleason, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—  
The United States Mail Packet "Coptic" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—  
11.00 a.m. Registry closes.  
11.30 a.m. Post Office closes, but Correspondence, parcels, &c., for Hongkong Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 8.50 p.m. Letters from Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, holders of letters from Kowloon are requested to equal their stamps by writing the word "Kowloon" across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 8 p.m. in the letter boxes in the case of time of departure. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 11.30 and 4 p.m.

Local Deliveries.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

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**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Shipping.  
Daylight.—Verona leaves for Japan.  
Noon.—Decima leaves for Kobe, &c.  
4 p.m.—Lyse



Friday, May 24, 1895.

The publication of this issue commences at 2.00 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1895.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Ernest Simon*, with the French Mail of April 26, left Singapore on Monday, May 20, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, May 26. This packet brings letters to be despatched from Hongkong on March 25.

The P. M. s.s. *City of Rio de Janeiro* left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on May 4.

The *Amurets* of China left Vancouver for this port on May 13.

The China Mutual Co.'s s.s. *Kaituma*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on May 19, and may be expected here on or about May 25.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Biango* left Singapore for this port on May 20, and may be expected here on or about May 27.

The s.s. *Chelydr*, from Calcutta & Straits, left Singapore for this port on May 21, and may be expected here on or about May 27.

The s.s. *Gloucester*, from Middlesboro, Antwerp, London and Straits, left Singapore on May 22, and may be expected here on or about May 28.

The D. R. s.s. *Leopold*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on May 23, and may be expected here on or about May 29.

VESSELS IN THE DOCK.—A. *Koukon*—Irene, Spanish cruiser Reina Cristina, Mongkut, Solent, Stansfield, Tai-chong, Coptic, Ingham.

Cosmopolitan—Riversdale.

Aberdeen—(none).

18 SECOND-HAND Pianos wanted for Export, W. Robinson and Company.

ON April 11 there was launched by Messrs Barclay Curie & Co. at Whitehall, Glasgow, a steel screw Steamship, built to the order of Messrs Thomson & Co. of Leith, and intended for their general Eastern trade. Her dimensions are 300 feet by 41' 9" by 27', and she measures about 3,000 tons gross. The vessel was named the *Bengalee*.

THAMESING and Cabin Pianos, at W. Robinson and Company.

We regret to say that, in consequence of the difficulty of hearing the Acting Attorney General at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, we represented him as stating that "private" jurisdiction, private chairs, bicycles, tricycles, perambulators, and trucks and cars in use on tramways had been included in the Ordinance for regulating the licensing of private vehicles. Our attention has been called to the mistake, and on reference to the draft of the Bill we find the second clause reads: "In the construction of this Ordinance 'Private Vehicle' includes all carriages, carts, waggon, trucks and all other vehicles which do not require to be licensed under Ordinance 11 of 1897 except private jurisdiction, private chairs, bicycles, tricycles, perambulators, trucks and cars in use on tramways, or such other vehicles as the Governor in Council may from time to time exempt." What the Acting Attorney said was: "It must be within the knowledge of the whole of you the nuisance and danger caused by trucks and trolleys coming down side streets without any guidance or control, into the principal streets. What is aimed at is to regulate these trucks and trolleys, and of course, you are bound to take everybody into your net and the owners of all private vehicles will include the man who keeps his brogue and the man who keeps his dog; but that is, of course, only common fairness." He then explained that on the suggestion of some member it had been decided to insert an exception to cover bicycles, perambulators and private rickshas and chairs. There was, we understand, a general complaint of indistinctness at yesterday's meeting of the Council; and His Excellency would be conferring a benefit upon the representatives of the Press and the public if he admonished the members of Council to speak up.

W. Robinson and Company for the highest class Piano Tuning and Repairing.

### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[STANDARD TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, speaking at the banquet at the Mansion House, admitted that great depression, notably in agriculture, existed in Great Britain, but that symptoms of improvement were not wanting. He stated that the Government was firmly resolved to adhere unwaveringly to the monetary principles which had made the United Kingdom prosperous.

LABOUCHERE ON THE DISSOLUTION.

Mr Labouchere urges a dissolution of Parliament, but suggests that before dissolving Sir William Harcourt shall replace Lord Rosebery as Prime Minister, the present headless condition of the Liberal party causing paralysis of action.

JAPANESE MINISTER FOR PEKIN.

Hayashi has been appointed Japanese Minister to Peking.

New Piano Repairing Machinery arrived for W. Robinson and Company.

"Do you like golf?" asked the Philadelphia girl. "I'm really not sure whether I ever loved any," replied the Chicago girl.

New Golf Song and Dances Album, at W. Robinson and Company.

### REVIEW.

LETTERS FROM THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN; Being a Selection from Correspondence contributed to 'The Times' between the years 1880 and 1892, and reproduced with the permission of the Proprietors of that Journal. By Henry Spencer Palmer, F.R.S., Major-General, Retired List, Royal Engineers. With twenty-six illustrations. Yokohama: Printed and Published by the Japan Mail Office, 1894.

At the present juncture of affairs a well-written book on the *modus vivendi* of the Japanese is likely to prove of special interest to the reading public. We therefore venture to draw the attention of our readers to this recent publication. The book consists of a series of twenty-six letters, written to 'The Times' by the late Major-General Palmer, whose memory is still fresh in Hongkong.

The general 'get up' of the book is very attractive. It is well printed, and well illustrated. There are 76 photographic prints, many of which represent especially good work. To give some idea of the nature of the illustrations it will perhaps be sufficient to mention the following:—The Nagasaki Bridge, a bird's-eye view of Chikuzen, a Street in Kyoto, Fushimi in Winter, Ruins of Osaka, etc.

It was during his residence in Tokyo that Major-General Palmer wrote as a regular correspondent to 'The Times'. General Palmer was well known to many residents in the Far East, as Private Secretary and A.D.C. to Governor Pope Hennessy, and doubtless many of our readers will remember him quite well. Shortly before his author's fatal illness Mr. F. Brinkley made a selection from these letters to 'The Times', which selection was published in book-form and appeared exactly as the letters were written. Political letters have been excluded, the descriptive letters alone being retained.

But let us turn to the book itself. To say the least, the letters are well written, and give most vivid and picturesque ideas of the facts described. Moreover, and what is always of considerable value in such a book, these facts are described sympathetically, not with the acerbity and prejudiced view of the 'Globe Trotter' who steps to the lips in Western columns, but with the broader view of one who has had time to place himself in sympathy with the people whose habits he studies. The phrase 'Globe Trotter' is of course a vulgarism, but is a necessity of modern speech. As an illustration of this sympathetic attitude to the Japanese, the book opens with the following letter, which is the opening of the book, 'Japan has the enviable reputation of inspiring love at first sight in the heart of every corner. Nor is this a mere passing sentiment. It grows steadily as acquaintance ripens. As I look on the people of this country and find that they never fail to win lasting and ever effective regard.' Of course such a statement as this might be severely criticised by some who do not take so kindly to the people, and whose admiration for them would scarcely be expressed in such emphatic terms as these. However, it is a pleasant surprise to find another man's view, if the only result be to extend the horizon of our own. In this opening chapter we get a good description of 'Life at a Japanese Spa', and the chapter is dated 1890, 20th August 1890. We are not writing this Review with a very intimate knowledge of the scenes described; but those scenes are full of interest to one who anticipates a visit to the localities depicted by the writer.

As a specimen of the writer's descriptive power we may take at random the following paragraph with reference to the 'Asama Yama': 'At length we reached the summit of some time past a sharp struggle had been going on between sun and cloud, the earth beneath was now wholly unmasked to the west of the mountain range; the rest of the circle was occupied by a billowy ocean of soft silver clouds of extraordinary beauty. The highest peaks alone here and there rising their heads, dark, distant, lonely and half-shrouded in the gloom of the evening. In the clear light, however, we looked down upon a vast expanse of central Japan, which viewed from this airy height, seemed little else but a sea of mountains. Seventy miles off, in the South, rose the triad peak of 'Great Fuji Yama, towering to the sky.' This is a very excellent and clear photograph print of the crater of Asama Yama.

In the chapter on 'Kusankia', a Japanese Sanatorium, the reader will find an interesting account of the sulphur baths, and to make the account still more interesting there is an excellent photograph of the bath in the Ketsu-to-yu.

The reader will turn to, with special interest to the chapter on Japanese Social Problems. Amongst the themes herein discussed will be found the following:—Western versus Eastern Dress, Japanese Domestic Life, and other matters of interest to the reader.

In this chapter the writer points out that Japan is now passing through a transition state; that she is beginning to recognise that her Eastern habits are largely recognised, and that her Western habits are being admitted into the circle of Christendom she will doubtless, even if gradually, adopt Western customs.

Many and various are the themes of interest dealt with in these letters, and both in appearance and subject matter, the book is highly recommended to the public. It is almost a masterpiece of presentation from friend to friend, and we can only testify to our readers that we have found considerable pleasure in its perusal.

### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. J. S. G. Smith, Acting Justice of the Peace.)

Thursday, May 23.

MANDEK V. W. T. SHAWAN.

This was an action brought to recover a sum of \$230, the amount of a compromise order drawn by the defendant payable to S. L. Danby or order endorsed over to the plaintiff.

Mr. G. D. Wilkinson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. O. Ellis (of Mr. V. H. Deacon's office) for the defendant.

The defence was that a compromise order was in fact a bill of exchange, and as such required a bill of exchange to be drawn, and not a negotiable instrument. For the plaintiff Mr. Wilkinson called Mr. R. T. Wright, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who proved that it was customary in the Colony for constituents of the Bank to draw bills of exchange on the Bank, and that the Bank had collected the amounts thereof, and the witness also proved that Compromise Orders were occasionally drawn payable to the Government or to the Colonial Treasurer by whom they were received in payment of claims due to the Bank.

Mr. G. D. Morris and E. Jones Hughes, as old residents in the Colony, were also called for the plaintiff to prove that it was the custom of the Colony to receive and make payments by means of unendorsed compromise orders, and that such instruments were by custom transferable.

Mr. Wilkinson contended that compromise orders did not come under the definition of Bills of Exchange and distinguished between them, and he pointed out

that the fact of its being a custom of the Colony to make payments by means of compromise orders was known to the Government, which recognized and received unendorsed compromise orders to the present day, showed that at the time of the passing of the Stamp Ordinance it was not intended that such instruments should be considered as bills of exchange and liable to stamp duty.

Mr. Ellis argued that compromise orders did come under the definition of Bills of exchange and were therefore by statute liable to stamp duty, and that no custom, however fully proved, could override a statute, and the Government was much liable to make the mistake in law of receiving an unstamped bill of exchange as ordinary papers.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

### THE TAIPIINGSHAN ARBITRATORS.

REMEMORANCE DISCUSSED.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee held yesterday afternoon, a minute was submitted from His Excellency the Governor recommending that a sum of \$20,000 should be voted for expenses incurred in connection with the resumption of Taipingshan.

The Colonial Secretary, who presided, said: 'It will be within the memory of Hon. Members of the Council that a vote of \$8,000 was taken in Council some time ago in connection with the resumption of the area of Taipingshan. That sum has been found to be insufficient, and the Government has been considering the matter for some time. I would now like to bring before you the report of the Arbitrators, and I will read for the information of the Committee what their opinion is on the subject.'

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